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SUBJECT: MISS LILLIAN'S VISIT TO THE SAHEL - DRAFT ARRIVAL
STATEMENT FOR SENEGAL

1. SUGGESTED STATEMENT FOR MISS LILLIAN'S ARRIVAL AT
DAKAR-YOFF AIRPORT JULY 26 FOLLOWS.

2. I AM VERY HAPPY TO BE IN SENEGAL TODAY. I BRING YOU
GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES FROM PRESIDENT CARTER AND THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE.

3. WHEN PRESIDENT LEOPOLD SENGHOR WAS IN THE UNITED
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STATES LAST MONTH, ONE OF THE THINGS WHICH HE AND PRESIDENT
CARTER DISCUSSED WAS HOW THE UNITED STATES CAN HELP THOSE
AFRICAN COUNTRIES WHICH TEMSELVES ARE WORKING HARD TO
DEVELOP THEIR ECONOMIES AND TO IMPROVE THE LIVING
STANDARDS OF THEIR PEOPLE.

4. I HAVE COME HERE AS PRESIDENT CARTER'S EMISSARY.

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THE PURPOSE OF MY VISIT TO SENEGAL AND TO THE OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE SAHEL IS TO EXPRESS THE DEEP INTEREST OF THE PRESIDENT IN DEVELOPMENT AND TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR OWN IMPORTANT EFFORTS AND PROGRAMS AND HOW WE CAN CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER TO IMPROVE FOOD PRODUCTION, TO RAISE LIVING STANDARDS, AND TO ASSURE WOMEN THEIR FULL ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS.

5. I HAVE MANY THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN SENEGAL. IT IS WITH SPECIAL PLEASURE THAT I ANTICIPATE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SENGHOR. HIS RECENT TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES AND HIS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER ARE INDICATIVE OF THE CLOSE, FRIENDLY RELATIONS EXISTING BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. OUR COMMON INTERESTS AND OUR PROGRAMS OF COOPERATION WITH SENEGAL CONTINUE TO EXPAND.

6. I AM ALSO EAGER TO SEE AND HEAR ABOUT SENEGAL'S OWN EFFORTS IN RURAL DEVLOPMENT, IN WOMEN'S AFFAIRS, AND IN COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS WITH THE U.S. AND OTHER DONORS. I FEEL A SPECIAL KINSHIP TO A COUNTRY SUCH AS SENEGAL, WHICH DEPENDS ON AGRICULTURE AS HAS MY OWN FAMILY FOR GENERATIONS. I KNOW WHAT IT MEANS TO WAIT FOR RAIN.

7. I LOOK ALSO FORWARD TO RENEWING MY OLD TIES WITH THE PEACE CORPS AND I VERY MUCH WANT TO SEE THE ISLAND OF GOREE, WHICH HAS A SPECIAL MEANING FOR SO MANY
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AMERICANS.

8. AS YOU CAN SEE, I HAVE A LOT OF REASONS FOR BEING ESPECIALLY HAPPY TO BE WITH YOU IN SENEGAL TODAY.
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